

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 GENEVA 14696 302334Z
ACTION HA-05

INFO OCT-01 EA-10 NEA-11 IO-14 ISO-00 VO-05 INSE-00
CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 AID-05 /061 W
-----061865 011539Z /40

R 291658Z SEP 78
FM USMISSION GENEVA
TO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 4615
AMCONSUL HONG KONG
AMEMBASSY KABUL
AMCONSUL KARACHI
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 14696

HONG KONG PASS D/D INS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CVIS, PEPR, PINT, SHUM, AF, PK
SUBJECT: DOCUMENTATION OF AFGHAN REFUGEES

REF: ISLAMABAD 9393

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL MISSION OFFICER AND UNHCR ASIAN DIVISION CHIEF GOBIUS DISCUSSED SEPTEMBER 29 THE SUBJECT OF AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN.
2. GOBIUS SAID HEADQUARTERS WAS JUST BEGINNING TO FOCUS ON THE AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN AND HAD NOT YET SENT OUT SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS ON PROCESSING AFGHAN ASYLUM CASES. (HE WAS SURE THE UNDP HAD THE NORMAL GUIDELINES.) HE CONFIRMED THAT PAKISTAN IS NOT SIGNATORY TO THE 1951 CONVENTION OR THE 1965 PROTOCOL. PAKISTAN IS THEREFORE NOT EMPOWERED TO VALIDATE UN REFUGEE TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION. HE SAID PAKISTAN HAS NOT YET APPROACHED THE UNHCR ABOUT
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 GENEVA 14696 302334Z

ASSISTANCE TO THE REFUGEES AND DOUBTED THAT THERE WOULD BE A FORMAL APPROACH UNLESS THE INFLOW REACHED MUCH HIGHER NUMBERS.

3. ON THE QUESTION OF TRAVEL AND RESETTLEMENT FUNDS FOR AFGHAN ASYLUM SEEKERS, GOBIUS SAID THAT THE UNHCR COULD MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

THE NORMAL PROCEDURE IS FOR THE UNDP OFFICE TO INTERVIEW THE APPLICANT TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER HE OR SHE WAS A BONA FIDE REFUGEE AND WHETHER THERE WAS A DEFINITE OFFER OR POSSIBILITY OF RESETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE. IF BOTH CONDITIONS WERE MET AND THERE WERE NO ALTERNATE SOURCES OF TRAVEL FUNDS, THE UNHCR WOULD BE PREPARED TO ASSIST WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ITS FUNDS. THE UNHCR CAN ARRANGE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS FOR AN ICRC ISSUED TRAVEL DOCUMENT FOR REFUGEES WHO ARE PROCEEDING ONWARD FROM A NON-SIGNATORY COUNTRY OF FIRST ASYLUM (E.G. PAKISTAN) TO A RESETTLEMENT COUNTRY OR INTERMEDIATE COUNTRY AND WHO DO NOT HAVE TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION. SUCH DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN WIDELY ACCEPTED FOR YEARS.

4. GOBIUS SAID A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES ARE ACCEPTING INDIVIDUAL AFGHAN REFUGEES WHO ARRIVE IN COUNTRY AND APPLY FOR ASYLUM, BUT NO COUNTRY HAS INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO THE UNHCR TO RECEIVE AFGHANS FROM A COUNTRY OF FIRST ASYLUM. VANDEN HEUVEL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REFUGEES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 29 sep 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978GENEVA14696
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780401-0619
Format: TEL
From: GENEVA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t1978097/aaaaafkp.tel
Line Count: 82
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 2186b350-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION HA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 ISLAMABAD 9393
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 30 jun 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1444484
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DOCUMENTATION OF AFGHAN REFUGEES
TAGS: CVIS, PEPR, PINT, SHUM, AF, PK
To: ISLAMABAD
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/2186b350-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014